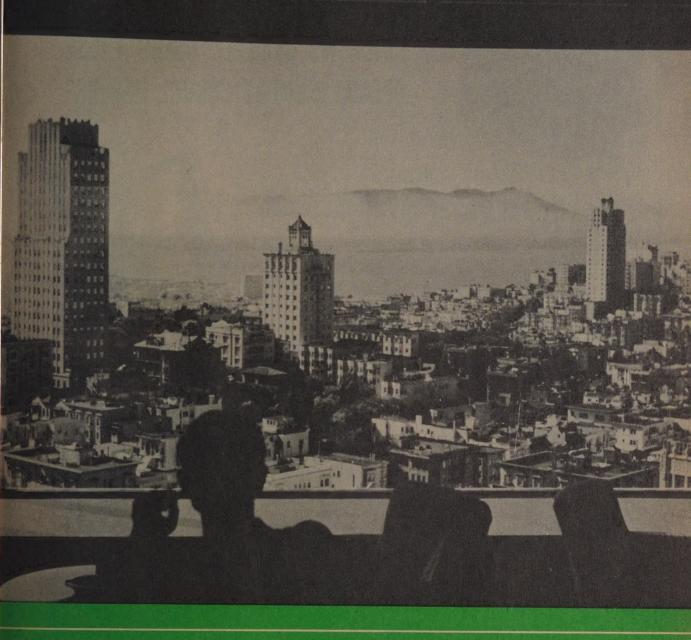
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THE "retired" Rev. Robert E. Wood, S.T.D., who returned to China last spring (FORTH, May 1944, page 30), writes enthusiastically of his work with Chinese students in Kunming, where he is serving at St. John's Church:

"My students' Bible class at the YMCA on Saturday evenings continues to be of keenest interest. The boys ask the most interesting questions about the Christian religion which is virgin soil to many. One fine young University graduate, studying engineering, who said he had never before had Christianity explained, always comes. He and several others also come to our English Evensong on Sunday.

"Last Saturday three young Chinese who speak French waited outside until I had finished my class, then came and asked if they could join it. My French is limited, but when I told them I had spent more than a year with Chinese laborers in France after World War I and had returned to China with them, I knew I had won their lasting friendship.

"Besides students, I have made many friends with Chinese airmen and six Chinese Army officers who were baptized and confirmed sometime ago, number one bringing number two and so on down the line. A few days ago a long letter from number one reached me from the battle front. He had heard in some roundabout way that I was once more in China, and he was over-joved.

"Not a word has reached me from my old church in Wuchang, and my attempts to reach friends there have all failed. So I will wait here where there are opportunities for many kinds of service and be ready to make the break for St. Michael's as soon as the way opens."

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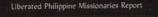
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- 4 Consecration. The Rev. Donald B. Aldrich as Bishop Coadjutor of Michigan, in Detroit, Mich.
- 6 Rogation Sunday
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- 8 Consecration. The Rev. R. Heber Gooden as Missionary Bishop of Panama Canal Zone, in Los Angeles, Calif.
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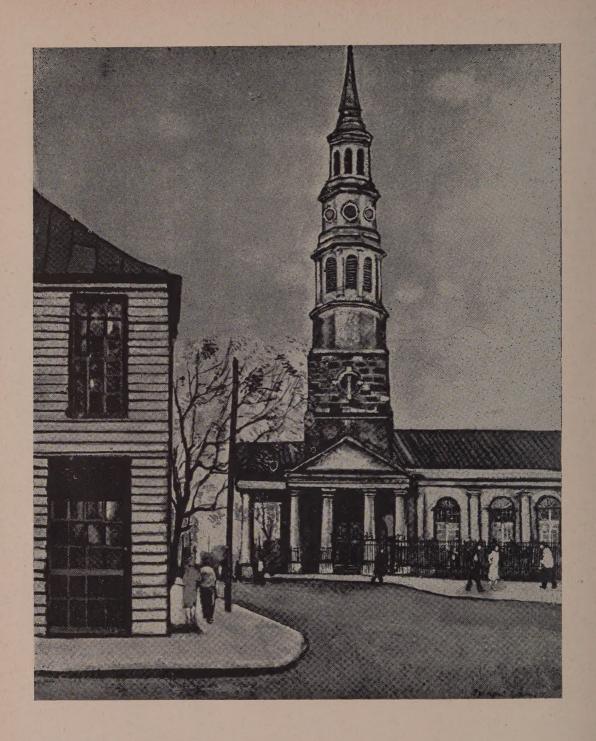
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Our Men in Uniform Write Home

ECTOR, have you heard what has happened at the factory? A Japanese American was brought in to work, and all the others went on strike, so he was fired. How do you like that? I feel like asking the Navy to give my children back to me. I don't know what they're fighting for, now; I used to think I knew. I do wish you'd write a strong letter to the paper, or call a meeting, or something."

The clergyman gazed at the phone, silent and baffled. Himself a Navy reject, he knew that his letter to the paper would be passed off as harmless sentimentality. And he also knew that at any public meeting, his stand would be opposed by sentiments of another kind—the feeling of wives and parents of men serving in the Pacific, that this civilian was "stabbing their boys in the back" in order to parade his liberalism and idealism.

After further discussion, the suggestion was made that he ask the servicemen themselves what they thought. Correspondence was being maintained with the eighty men and women on the Honor Roll, and they were receiving the general publicity of the parish. So a letter was sent asking them about this problem. Three other questions were added:

By the Rev. HUGH D. McCANDLESS

Rector, Christ Church, Suffern, N. Y. Rector-elect, Epiphany Church, New York.

What do you think you would wish to hear as a sermon subject, if you came home on furlough today?

What do you now feel was missing in the religious education we tried to give you?

With what sort of Church would you feel most like working when you return?

Twenty-four answers were received. There would have been more, of course, but many of the men were in actual combat or very intensive training. Most of the answers came from men who had been acolytes, choir members, or active in the young people's work of the parish or the Church school.

The answers to the four questions were read in place of the sermons at four services. Special interest was shown by teachers in the Church school and local day schools. To many of these, this was the first proof of the effectiveness of the lessons in tolerance and altruism they had endeavored to inculcate in their apparently unresponsive pupils. While the writers showed a good cross section of the

parish, as far as educational advantages are concerned, the serious, honest, and clear answers of the men far exceeded all hopes. The man serving in New Guinea conducted a poll of his company on the questions. Another, waiting in anxious boredom in England for D-Day, said the questions served as the basis for many long evening discussions.

Here are some excerpts from the answers to the first question, should American citizens of Japanese ancestry be employed or boycotted in our community?

"They have fought well for us in Italy. No argument is necessary."

"The Mariana Japanese are very different from the Hawaiian Japanese! I knew a Christian Japanese family in Kauai whose son was killed in Italy." The difference Missions make.

"There are good and bad people in all races."—From the Southwest Pacific.

"Democratic principles forbid discrimination."

"Some of the people who say the most against the American Japanese are doing the least to help us in this war. If that is a defense plant, they shouldn't strike. If it isn't, why the fuss?"—From "a farm in Normandy."

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Joyous liberated internees crowd around Gen. Douglas MacArthur at Santo Tomas.

acarthur has returned to the Philippines! Late in February he turned over the administration of Manila to Sergio Osmena, President of the Commonwealth. Succeeding reports brought news of the occupation of Zamboanga on Mindanao and of the advance of the American forces into the mountain fastnesses of northern Luzon and the confident assurance that soon Baguio, Bontoc, Sagada and other centers of the Church's Mission would be liberated

As the enemy was driven from the Islands Churchmen waited anxiously for news of Bishop Norman S. Binsted, Bishop Robert F. Wilner, and their gallant band of missionaries who for nearly three years had been cut off from all communication with the outside world. Letters and other information slowly reached the United States and FORTH is here privileged to share with its readers some of the first letters received.

Amazing Rescue

Immediately on his release from Los Banos, Bishop Binsted on February 24 wrote:

"We have just been rescued in an amazing way by the American Army, by amphibious tractors, including paratroopers. It was all superbly planned and executed and probably

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means that we were saved from starvation or a worse death.

"We are both quite thin, but our health, under present conditions, is improving hourly. So far as I know, all members of our staff are safe. Some we have not yet heard from, but think they are safe. All are under the care of the U.S.A.

"God has been good to us and our hearts are full of gratitude to Him and our rescuers. The troops we have met are A-1. I have not heard one word of profanity by those we have met."

From This Japan-Made Hell

The first direct communication was a letter, dated February 9, from the Rev. Clifford E. Barry Nobes. He wrote:

"After the war broke, communication with Manila was at once interrupted by the Japanese invasion. In December 1941 Bishop Wilner and the Rev. B. H. Harvey made a perilous trip to the North to bring Bontoc, Sagada, Besao, Baguio, and Balbalasang money and to get news of us. The Japs moved in behind them, cutting off the main road, so Bishop Wilner stayed with us in Bontoc until we were all picked up later. Harvey hiked in a roundabout way over back trails and got back to Manila safely.

"With Bishop Wilner and the Rev. Albert Masferré, we continued work in Bontoc on a normal schedule. But in February 1942 a small detachment of Japs invaded our Province and garrisoned themselves in Bontoc. They helped themselves to our dwindling food supply and had it not been for the devoted loyalty of our Igorot friends we would soon have starved. The Japs burned the greater part of Bontoc, but our mission did not suffer. After two weeks they left us but we were still completely isolated. In May 1942 the Japs moved in again. They at once stopped us from normal missionary work. Albert Masferré did all he could to serve the people of the central and outstations. Schoolwork in all the barrios ceased. On May 28, Besao and Sagada missionaries were herded into our compound and I was made personally responsible for their good conduct, being told my life was forfeit if we attempted communication with Filipinos or broke any other Jap restrictions. On June 17 we were all put into trucks, being allowed one suitcase or container each, and interned at Camp (deleted by censor) with some 500 other American and British nationals.

"At first food was not too bad. The Jap army allowed (U.S.) nine cents a day per person for the purchase of food, but being right in a rich agricultural district we fared fairly well on rice, greens, and meat from our own camp grown cows and pigs. We were crowded, each person having about thirty-five square feet of space and families were divided by sex, with no men and women allowed to see or talk to each other except through a fence. After a few months these restrictions were ignored but families were not allowed to live together until April 28, 1944.

"Two of our men escaped to join the guerrillas on Maundy Thursday, 1944, and then the really hard days began. We were given a crazy Jap lieutenant as our commandant, and a lot of tough guards, and barbed wire fences were constructed around the camp. The commandant cut our food way down. At the low point we were getting less than 500 calories a day in our diet, consisting chiefly of mouldy corn meal mush and withered camote (sweet potato) greens, with meat once in five weeks.

"I had dysentery, as did both our children. More than half the camp had dysentery or colitis at some time or other. We were compelled by this crazy commandant to do hard garden work to grow our own vegetables, and my weight dropped from prewar 175 to 124 pounds. That was not excep-

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tional. My three-year-old daughter gained but 11/2 pounds in one year. Because she had no milk, until Christmas 1943 brought our one and only Red Cross shipment of food and supplies (and then we had to make the sixteen pounds of milk powder in our four kits last until the Americans liberated us), she had no calcium in her diet and consequently has had to have six of her back teeth extracted. Being post-dysenterics, the children and I had to stay off roughage—which meant we had no vegetables at all and we had to sieve every bit of our mush before eating it. During 1942-43 the Japs allowed us to receive food packages from Filipinos outside, and to buy with money sent us by the Bishop, who was not yet interned in Manila. But prices were fantastic. They reached before the Americans hit the Islands, Pesos 8.00 each for eggs, Pesos 2.50 for a banana. After the Americans came to Leyte prices soared so that we could not have bought even if the Japs had allowed us, and they would not permit any extra food to come in. Their food allowances were unbelievably small. We often had to share twenty-five pounds of meat among 500 people for a period of three days or fifteen pounds of fish for a similar period. Of course the only thing to do was to grind it all and make it into a gravy to flavor the rice or corn.

"The camp ran schools for the children, without pencils, paper, or books. The camp had a hospital for the sick but often we had no medicines. The Japs confiscated most of the Red Cross medicines shipped to us. At the end of 1944 there was scarcely a person in camp who had as high as 70 on a red blood count. Nutritional edema was prevalent, as well as beriberi and other diseases of malnutrition.

"Then the day after Christmas, 1944, we were ordered to pack our belongings, half a cubic yard per person was allowed, and we were moved to (deleted by censor) the old prison,

condemned before the war as being unfit for human habitation. Along roads clogged with Japanese military traffic moving north for the imminent invasion by Gen. MacArthur's boys, we travelled the 150 miles . . . taking 231/2 hours for the trip. A good deal of our luggage had been looted for foodstuff by the Japs before it was shipped along to us. (Deleted by censor) was filthy-bedbugs, rats, open uncovered privies with inadequate water. And down here in Manila the food was worse, if believable, than it had ever been in (deleted) only mouldy corn filled with weevils.

"God was good to us in our mission crowd. Our two children, the two Bergamini children, Mrs. Vincent H. Gowen and Ann Gowen, Miss Gladys Spencer, the Rev. George C. Bartter, the Rev. W. S. Mandell, Sister Juliana, CSM, Sister Augusta and Sister Helena, OSA, and I had dysentery at various times but we had no other serious ailments. Miss Eliza Whitcombe had a bad fall and broke her hip, making her a permanent bed patient and she was left behind in the (deleted) hospital when we left. We were permitted by the Japs to have the Holy Communion daily. Until Bishop Wilner was transferred in 1943, we even had two Confirmation classes. The Sisters of St. Anne and St. Mary ran Sunday School classes for the young children. And it was with great sincerity that the children prayed daily 'Please, dear God, give us more to eat and bring the Americans to help us soon.'

"Down here since the beginning of the year things seem to hum. After the Americans came to (deleted), which news we had smuggled in (the last time we had official Japanese censored news was fifteen months ago since then we have lived in complete ignorance of the course of the war), the Japs became more and more surly and disagreeable. Food, filthy as it was, was cut down in quantity. We



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The Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Bartter of Baguio,
read first mail on steps of Bilibid Prison.

were paying, in Japanese military pesos, Pesos 22.00 for a little over three pounds of peanuts, \$25 (U.S. gold) for a pound of milk powder, Pesos 37.50 (military pesos) for one coconut.

"The Americans reached Manila February 3 and even then the Jap officers told the soldiers that they were fighting a few guerrillas! We were abandoned by the Japs on February 4 and the same day the doughboys moved in to take us over. What a day! Penny spent the whole day running from one soldier to another saying 'Thank you for coming to help us.' The battle for Manila, a fierce house to house battle, started. The Japs wantonly started fires all over and we were hastily rescued from our imperilled building and taken to Ang Tibay shoe factory, five miles away, to spend the night and the next day. There we had our first Army cooked meal. I've eaten better ones, but never with greater enjoyment have I eaten anything. Since our return to (deleted) the Army has been feeding us -and how! The children were amazed at the taste of white wheat bread. We had made 'bread' of various combinations of rice, bucacao, corn, potato flour with grated coconut meat as a filler, and cassava flour-which made it a rubbery mess. Then the children were surprised to see they could have

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butter and jam on their bread. And they still cannot quite believe that they are allowed to have milk, butter, and sugar at the same meal.

"The favorite pastime now is gaping at the menus: real potatoes, tomatoes, asparagus, meat, fish, etc.; stuff we had forgotten existed.

"Our plans are indefinite. I should like to go north to the station before going home, to appraise the damage to property. We know, for example, that Alab and Tukukan are completely demolished, and we fear for the rest of the property. But the officers tell me it may be months before any civilian can get north, and I am sure that Albert Masferré can be counted on to get all the necessary information for us.

"Thank God for His kindness in liberating us from this Jap-made Hell."

All Thin and Run Down

"All are quite thin and run down," wrote Bishop Wilner on February 9, "but good food such as we are now getting in gradually increasing quantities should restore us to health. I have the misfortune to be out of circulation at this time on account of beriberi, which compels me to spend most of my time reclining with feet elevated. Canon Harvey has been for nearly two years our chaplain in this camp, and has been fortunate in being blessed with better health than most of his clerical brethren here. He hopes to stay in the Islands for another year before taking his furlough, and if the condition I now have can be corrected here I would like to stay on and help in getting our work going. How fortunate we were to have our two Igorot priests, our Igorot deacon, and our two Chinese priests. They have all done wonderful work. Yesterday St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, was taken over by the Army as a civilian hospital, and we are very glad of this. Much of Manila has been burned in the cleaning up of Japanese troops, and St. Stephen's Church and St. Peter's Church have been burned. St. Stephen's Chinese Girls' School, near St. Luke's Hospital, is reported as standing. What the situation is across the river at the Cathedral, we

do not know, as fighting in that section still goes on. The electricity and gas supply of Manila has been destroyed. Water pressure very low, and sanitation here in camp is most difficult. A shelling of the university buildings on Wednesday afternoon, resulting in a number of deaths of our fellow internees, brought sadness into our rejoicing."

Glad to be Free Again

"We are all glad to be free again after being in concentration camps and prison for so many months," wrote the Rev. Alfred L. Griffiths who has been in the Philippines since 1931. "At the beginning of the war I was in charge

FRANCIS B. SAYRE

Former High Commissioner of the Philippine Islands discusses

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of St. Paul's Mission, Balbalasang, Mountain Province. This is our most isolated and remote station. My wife, child, and Miss Dorothea Taverner, who was in charge of the dispensary, were there with me.

"Instead of surrendering to the Japs as most of our people did, we at the request of our natives, took to the forest and jungles where we lived in ten different evacuation huts. From some of these forest shanties we held services for the people. Miss Taverner still continued to give medical aid and help. Once we escaped from the Japanese by about a ten-minute start. Finally we were captured in the dense forest on the Abra-Kalinga border. The Japs finally took us to the Baguio

Concentration Camp and we landed there with one change of clothing and a blanket apiece. We stayed out for one and one-half years before our imprisonment.

"The Japanese burned our two dwelling houses on Balbalasang, the girls' dormitory, and the newly constructed dispensary. They used the church as their barracks and, as far as we know, it is still standing. I also believe the Talalong and Sesecan outstation churches are still intact.

"We have lost all of our personal belongings but we're glad to be free again and still to have our lives and have no regrets for our material losses."

Never Stopped Work

The Rev. Benson H. Harvey, writing on February 23, reports that there is no word as yet about the Cathedral compound in Manila. "The Cathedral had two sorts of machine gun emplacements around it and guns sticking out of the walls and windows. Whether anything more than a shell is left, or even that, we do not know.

"St. Luke's Hospital never stopped doing most excellent work under the direction of Dr. Fores. To be sure there were Japanese doctors and nurses (all with St. Luke's, Tokyo, training or association!) over him for a time but that did not prevent good work and in certain ways (such as technical training of student nurses) helped. When the Japanese went out the only change was the taking down of the sign Nippon Hospital and the great increase in the work. The hospital is rated for 135 patients. When I was there several days ago, they had over 350; in the chancel of the church even.

"St. Stephen's School property is intact save for the newest building, never completed, which the Japanese literally took apart and carted away.

"Up to the time of last reports, Diego Villanueva, Igorot sacristan of the Cathedral, deserves an especial word of commendation for maintaining services in the Cathedral not only on Sundays, but on weekdays also."

NEXT MONTH: The Rev. Clifford E. Barry Nobes tells of the havoc wrought by the Japanese in Manila.



These drawings by Jack Chen, son of one of China's former Foreign Ministers, graphically portray the role of the coöperative movement in China today. The Japanese war has turned China into a land of refugees (above left). Soon a disciple of



coöperation enlists them in his group (above right) and a workshop (below left) is set up. They start to produce vital goods for China. At coöperative meetings (below right) they learn of the new China they are helping to build.





Church Welcomes China's Coöperatives

TWENTY-EIGHT hungry weavers in the English city of Rochdale organized themselves as The Equitable Society of Rochdale Pioneers in 1844-45, and opened a coöperative store. In less than one hundred years this economic technique had spread to include in its membership oneseventh of the population of Europe.

In Shanghai in 1938, a New Zealander named Rewi Alley with two Americans, Edgar Snow and his wite, Nym Wales, worked out a plan which they called Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, now known as Indusco.

The need was desperate in China, to replace goods destroyed in the war, to find employment for disabled soldiers, to provide some constructive activity for thousands of refugees.

The first Chinese coöperative

opened in 1938 in a western refugee town, Paochi. Others followed rapidly, government funds or relief funds lending the initial capital. The people of these coöperatives were, like the Rochdale weavers, "equitable pioneers." How those English people would have gasped if some one could have told them that Chinese coöperatives, in six years of work, would count the number or weight or length of their products in millions or tons or miles. Miles of blankets have been woven on coöperative looms, millions of objects manufactured, and tons of supplies.

Most striking of all the features of the movement is the widespread distribution of the factories, compact units capable of packing up and moving elsewhere if fighting draws too near or the population shifts. In this new kind of mass production the individual workman retains his human status.

Many of the Church's missions in western China have been friends and neighbors to the new coöperatives. In fact, not a few coöperative societies were started by the Church before the war but not on any national scale. The Rev. Irving Wang of the Diocese of Anking had enrolled many farmers in a credit union before the war began: the Church in Hankow had started a movement by which the coolies might own their rickshas, instead of renting them at ruinous rates from wealthy owners; and the Anking diocese was developing a nursery of tung-oil trees to be coöperatively owned by the country people. The present rapid spread of the coöperative movement is recognized by the Church.

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Children in liberated areas await "new-old" clothes from America.

WHAT CAN YOU SPARE THAT THEY CAN WEAR?

THE liberated people of Europe and other countries can only be clothed through the generosity of the American people. This month under the leadership of the churches, schools, civic, industrial, and other organizations they are asked to give 150 million pounds of used clothing, bedding, blankets, shoes, and other materials for the stricken and naked peoples of war ravaged lands overseas.

The Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, attended the White House meeting at which the United National Clothing Collection was inaugurated. The National Committee, headed by Churchman Henry J. Kaiser (FORTH, December 1942, p. 24), includes many prominent Episcopalians. The executive director, Dan A. West (see page 22) is also a Churchman.

Participation of the churches is essential to the success of this clothing collection. Bishop Tucker has urged all Bishops to give it their support and all parish clergy have been informed of the collection. Ask your rector today of the plans in your parish and community to have a part in this great venture.

United Nat Looks Ahead

S Eastertide draws to a close and looks forward to Ascension and Whitsuntide there will gather in the City of San Francisco, California, the representatives of thirty-nine sovereign nations "to prepare a charter for a general international organization along the lines proposed at the informal conversations at Dumbarton Oaks."

Whether this United Nations Conference realizes its objective: the mapping of a world structure that will insure a just and durable peace consonant with the principles of a Risen and Ascended Christ, will depend upon, in large measure, whether the people, the Christian people of America, really want such a peace. The success of the conference depends on an informed public opinion.

For many months much has been heard of Dumbarton Oaks. The Joint Commission on Social Reconstruction of the General Convention at a meeting in January commended "the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals to our fellow Churchmen for immediate study," and urged "that as citizens they support the basic principles and machinery outlined in the Proposals."

Shortly thereafter the National Study Conference on the Churches and a Just and Durable Peace meeting for four days in Cleveland, Ohio, issued A Message to the Churches which merits serious study. Part 1 on Christian Faith and World Order discusses the close relationship between Christian Missions and World Peace and says:

"Home Missions and Foreign Missions are aspects of the one world mission to which the Church is called. Both are significant in the Church's contribution to world order. The most effective assurance for justice in an abiding world order is in the expansion of allegiance by men and nations to the Christian faith. This is as greatly needed within America as elsewhere. The reconstruction of devastated

ns Meeting to Peace

lands, the rebirth of hope and determination for a world of justice and the will to create instruments for the expression of that hope are central in the Church's Mission.

"The world mission of the Church has helped to create among our people concern about international affairs and has opened channels for the efforts of the churches toward a just and durable peace. Through missionary agencies relief is and can be administered. reconstruction can be furthered in many areas, and the long range objectives of world order promoted. The immediate and practical necessities of mission work as well as the impulse to unite in Christ have promoted widespread interdenominational coöperation. This, in turn, has given impetus to that ecumenical movement which now brings promise that the energies of the churches will be utilized to face their overwhelming opportunities. This coöperation must be further developed.

"Whether America will be a help or a hindrance in building a peaceable world depends upon the attitudes of individuals and groups in our nation. We call attention to the dangers which lurk in complacency toward existing injustices; the frequent contradictions we tolerate between our ultimate beliefs and our conscious aims; the false sense of national security which-in spite of the lessons of two tragic wars -holds that the United States can live apart from the rest of the world and its problems; intolerance and discrimination; selfishness which refuses to recognize that we are members one of another and is unwilling to run risks for the sake of the world community; blind devotion to national sovereignty: the cynicism which believes there always must be wars and puts its reliance upon force alone; and the spirit of hatred and vengeance toward other peoples. It is our concern that such attitudes should not prevail, but rather that in us and in our fellow citizens



The Prayer Book Cross in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, memorializes the first Prayer Book service in America, held about June 24, 1579. Now nearly four centuries later the first conference for a lasting world peace meets in the same place.

those attitudes should be developed which support the growth of world community."

The Message then considered Christian Standards and Current International Developments and said:

"The Proposals are the only plan which governments have thus far evolved and therefore are the only available index to the extent of agreement which is now possible.

"They set forth certain purposes and principles essential to world order and peace.

"They provide for continuing col-

laboration of the United Nations, and in due course of other nations.

"They provide through an Assembly for the periodic consultation of all member nations and for promoting cooperation in the interest of the general welfare.

"They provide an Economic and Social Council for facilitating solutions of international economic, social and other humanitarian problems and for coördinating international policies and agencies in this field.

"They provide, through a Security Council, for continuing consultation of

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representatives of the greater powers and of selected lesser powers with a view to a peaceful settlement of disputes and the restraint of aggression.

"The Proposals now stand at a formative stage and the way has been opened for recommendations for improvement which will make them more acceptable to the Christian conscience.

"Accordingly, we recommend that the churches support the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals as an important step in the direction of world coöperation."

The Conference suggested nine measures for strengthening the Proposals.

April 25 is a momentous day. The American representatives at the San Francisco meeting will respond to the will of the American people. It is within our power to have a Christian peace.

"Churchmen and most of the people of the world" says Bishop H. St. George Tucker, "look forward with great anticipation and hope to the Conference of the United Nations in San Francisco, beginning April 25. What is done at this Conference can determine in large measure the future

peace of the world. We are all conscious of the need for God's guidance in these deliberations. I have been happy to join with the representatives of other Churches in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in issuing the following Call to Prayer for Sunday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 25. I hope that in all our churches, both in public worship and in the private intercessions of the people, prayers will be lifted to Almighty God for His guidance and blessing on the Conference."

Let us Give Thanks

That the opportunity is now given to make a new beginning in the development of effective world community for the maintenance of peace with justice.

Let us Confess

That we have been concerned too much with our own affairs, indifferent to the needs of others and unready to make sacrifices to prevent war and to insure peace.

Let us Pray

That out of the suffering and sacrifice of our war-torn world there may be born a new willingness among men to work together.

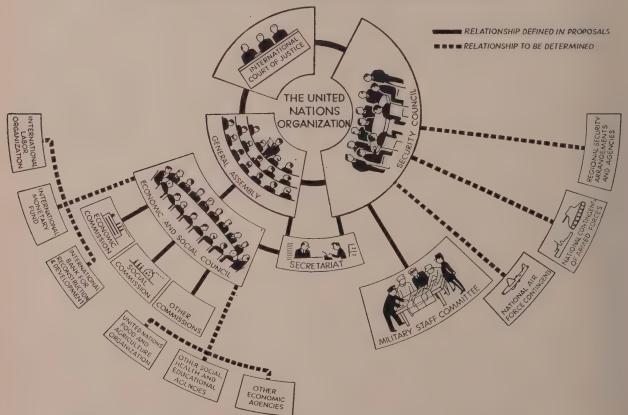
That the Holy Spirit may give to the Conference delegates both the will and the wisdom to fashion an organization which shall bind the nations effectively together for mutual protection and benefit in one family.

That our government may be guided to accept its responsibilities to give the full support of the United States to all constructive agreements which the conference may achieve.

That the peoples may undergird their governments and the international organization now projected in the development of world order, freedom and justice under law.

And that to the Churches and nations God may give a deeper faith in the possibility of a better world order, based upon His holy and redeeming purpose as revealed in Christ, and a stronger will to persevere in its achievement.

THE ORGANIZATION PROPOSED AT DUMBARTON OAKS



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PRACTICING medicine and surgery in Alaska is considerably different from such practice in the United States, according to Dr. Marion L. Bingham, who recently went to the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Fort Yukon, to serve during the furlough of Dr. Lula Disosway. Ordinarily Dr. Bingham is on the staff of St. George's Clinic, New York City.

"A young Indian boy just arrived in Fort Yukon by dog sled came to the hospital with a note," writes Dr. Bingham. "The note said that out in Showman House, about thirty-five miles distant, an old man was suffering with a broken leg. Enclosed in the letter was seventy-five dollars for a plane to fetch him to the hospital. We wired for a plane and when it arrived it was a dinky little affair and looked like a precarious spot to hoist a man with a fractured leg!

"It was an interesting trip over low tundra country where the Porcupine River meanders all over the place. At one point we saw a fox scurrying along like the wind. There was a little flurry of snow in the air but it did not amount to much. A young Indian boy of about eighteen years of age sat next

RESCUE BY PLANE IS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

to me. He shivered and shook with the cold and his teeth chattered. I have since heard that the Indian boys shiver all winter long, as they do not have warm enough clothing.

"In about forty-five minutes we arrived at Showman House, one of the



Isolated trappers and hunters like patient at Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Fort Yukon, Alaska, (above) look to missionaries for medical care. "Huskies" and pilots (left) join in important work of bringing patients to hospital. NFB from Hamilton Wright.

locations for trap lines, where there are only about five cabins surrounded by the tundra wilderness. The pilot made a good landing on the ice of the slough of the Porcupine River. They had cut down four spruce trees and had marked the slough in that way, where there was a good flat runway for the plane. We circled around several times, and watched the occupants of the cabins clambering down the river bank onto the ice to meet us.

"We were escorted up the bank and into the cabin of the old man. He was sitting, propped up with pillows, on the floor. A couple of ropes were dangling from the rafters, so that he could pull himself up and shift his position to make himself comfortable. I examined his leg, and had visions of having to fold him up like a jack knife to get him into the plane. I trussed him up with a splint with the help of everyone around. Incidentally about twelve young fellows from Fish Hook Town had learned of the old man's plight and had plodded over from Fish Hook Town to help. It is a distance of about thirty-five miles and they had traveled almost all night on foot to get there. They dressed him in his fur parka and then wrapped each leg in a fur skin. Over all, they put several old quilts, and six of them carried him down the steep bank and onto the ice. Meantime, the people in the cabins were hastily writing notes to their friends in the metropolis of Fort Yukon. I stuffed them all in my pockets, and then joined the cavalcade. The men finally got him in, the farewells were said, and we made off.

"When we got him in the hospital, I took an X-ray picture before we put him to bed. The bone is in very good position and we have him rigged up with pulleys and weights so he will probably get fairly good union over a period of weeks and perhaps months."

A young Kissi tribesman (above) shows how well he can write English learned at Holy Cross School, Bolahun. Natives, almost wholely dependent on mission for medical care,





gratefully bring their children to clinic for treatment. Child (left) has yaws, contagious tropical disease; unconscious boy (right) has sleeping sickness, infection of which Dr. E. P. Veatch brought under control. Church is held (below) in village palaver house.



Missions Free From Witcher

OGGING down from the hinterland at Bolahun in Liberia, twelve days' journey in a fourman hammock, sixteen carriers taking it for short stretches and fifty-four black men balancing burdens on their heads, Dr. Everett P. Veatch travelled straight to the airport at Monrovia on the coast, and thence by plane to America. He came immediately to Boston where he is now engaged in writing a detailed report, for the Foundation for the Study of Tropical Diseases, of his four years' research work on sleeping sickness, sequence to many other years in Liberia as a medical missionary.

Liberia has its own peculiar beauty, and in spite of the discomforts of tropical heat and rains, glaring sun and chill nights, is not unfriendly. Wild animals run away if given the chance; leopards and pythons alike will shun human beings unless, having been wounded, they turn upon the aggressor.

That Dr. Veatch could make such a journey, safely, carrying his own food through jungle and over innumerable monkey bridges swaying high above the rivers, picking up relays of rice for his men at carefully planned places, spending the nights in guest houses of little villages in the forest clearings along the way, and quartering his porters with safety in the village huts, is a tribute to the most important and imperative leaven at work in the world today: Missions.

The Episcopal Church has had a strong hand in this change since its first missionary went to Liberia 110 years ago. "Episcopalians," says Dr. Veatch, "have the biggest Church work in Liberia today, with the option of saving hundreds of thousands of native peoples from a thoroughly debased form of Mohammedanism

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and all that the latter implies in degradation of womanhood." This statement from a seasoned veteran of Liberian trails and jungles, a man of science with missionary experience, is a definite challenge to the Missionary Bishop-elect of Liberia, the Rev. Bravid W. Harris (FORTH, March, p. 9) who will shortly succeed the Rt. Rev. Leopold Kroll.

"The people of Liberia are lovable human beings; they are your people when you work with them," says Dr. Veatch, "just as Liberia itself acquires an allure for the selfless missionaries who have poured out so much of themselves that, inevitably, some of Liberia has to pour in." The terms Liberians and natives are puzzling at first: the former refers to descendants of the colonizers, free American Negroes sent out from this country in the early part of the nineteenth century, whose Americo-Afric blood is now largely infused with that of members of many tribes with differing languages and

The mingling of the strains has made for a better Liberian physique, shorter, and lighter in weight than the average American. White men, especially the tall Virginians and Texans, are looked upon with admiration "as trees walking."

"Work among the pagan tribes has a tremendous appeal to the medical missionary," says Dr. Veatch. "They are ravaged by dread diseases, leprosy, yaws, sleeping sickness, and terrorstricken by reason of their own animistic, demon-possessed cults. Through their outstanding characteristics of loyalty, they are very teachable. If a native is your "boy" and he accepts you as his man, you and he are an entity." Dr. Veatch had a boy who had resented punishment from a for-

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Dr. Everett P. Veatch travelled the long, perilous journey to coast in hammock (above) which natives carry on their heads. Along the way his men have a meal from the cus-



tomary communal rice bowl (above). In the Kpessi country, first tribe behind Firestone Plantation on road to Bolahun, Dr. Veatch found a medicine man in leafy lean-to (below) attending to a man attacked by a leopard. He was left there as there was no other place.





MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER HUNT, IDAHO SERVING IN U.S. ARMY



Capt. Pershing Nakada, 232nd Engineers, of Mitchell, Nebr., is one of the highest ranking



Nisei officers. St. Mar scene recently of service

Hundreds of Japanese American Church boys and girls have volunteered for service in the Armed Forces from relocation centers. Casualty lists, prisoners' lists, and battle records have brought news of Nisei, Americans of Japanese ancestry, soldiers at the front. In all branches of the service they have won admiration from fellow GI's, whose letters home are warm records of All-American friendship. Among many parishes, St. Mary's, Los Angeles, has more than fifty members in the service, and the Church of the Holy Apostles, Hunt, Idaho, has sixty, half of whom are overseas in active combat units. Nisei girls are also serving their country on many military posts, but so far they form no special units. The Church has continued its ministry to Japanese Americans throughout the turmoil of evacuation from their homes, relocation, and resettlement in new communities. (Forth, June, 1944, p. 12; July-August. 1944, p. 18). Many have come to the Church for baptism and

Nisei Churchmen Do

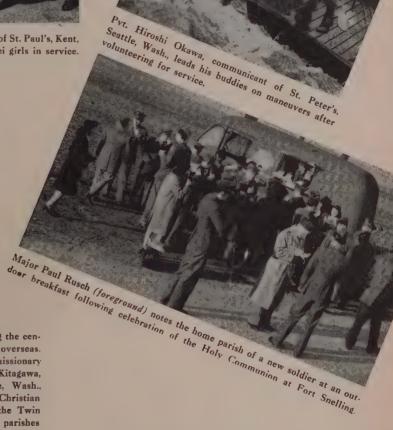


Minneapolis, (center) was semen and their friends. Pvt.



Alice Shimoyama, member of St. Paul's, Kent, Wash., is one of many Nisei girls in service.

confirmation before leaving the centers and before going overseas.



Major Paul Rusch, former missionary to Japan, and the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, formerly of St. Peter's, Seattle, Wash., and now director of the United Christian Ministry to Japanese Americans in the Twin Cities Area, welcome Churchmen from parishes in California, Oregon, Washington, Honolulu, and Utah at home at Fort Snelling, Minn., where many Nisei soldiers and WAC are stationed. Through correspondence, regular corporate communion, the organization of a large choir (circle), and help in solving family difficulties, they have created a strong bond of fellowship at the camp and in the community. With the lifting of the ban on Japanese American residents on the West Coast, many clergy now living in other communities are looking forward to the day when they can resume their former parish duties and welcome GI parishioners. their families, and the unchurched home again.

eir Country's Uniform



Tamotsu Gorai (extreme right) of famous 442nd Combat



Boise Has Youth Re-Creation Center

PLAN CAN BE ADOPTED BY ANY PARISH

THERE is cause for much gay excitement, whispered conferences, and planning when the public address system of the Boise, Idaho, Junior High School booms out the news of a party at St. Michael's Cathedral parish house. All boys and girls are welcome and young Church members bring all their friends regardless of Church affiliation.

An evening's visit to the Youth Recreation and Dancing Club at St. Michael's is a stimulating if somewhat deafening experience! At the door a young attorney greets the guests and exchanges a blue ribbon for ten cents' dues. Ribbons are carefully cherished

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during the party, for without a ribbon, no goodies, served later in the evening by young women of the parish, can be had. The young people register, leave their coats in a check room, usually in charge of a vestryman, and from then on dancing and entertainment are in order with frequent excursions to the Pop-Inn.

In July, 1942, one month after the Very Rev. Calvin H. Barkow, D.D., came to Boise as dean and rector of St. Michael's, he started the now very

successful youth club with a juke box and a bunch of modern dance records as the nucleus. The Dean and his wife who has been his "right-hand man" realized that this is not an age of waltz music and that the youth of today is not minuet-minded. With the help of local music stores the most popular hot jazz, boogie-woogie, and rumba records were obtained and while the individual interpretations are somewhat unusual, the youngsters' fun and controlled good spirits are heart warming as well as ear deafening.

From its juke box beginning and original forty members the club has expanded until it now registers between 300 and 350 at every party, thus including a good portion of the high school's 1100 pupils.

The Pop-Inn is a cozy nook leading from the main hall and is arranged on a very smart modern plan with a "counter" back of glass bricks through which neon light effects of red, white, and blue stream. The cupboards around the bar are painted a dashing blue and not only hold pop bottles but china, glass and the more utilitarian pots and pans used by the various cathedral organizations in other social activities.

The Pop-Inn has Lt. Robert Hutton and C. Sp. (R) USNR, W. W. Carlton of the Navy Recruiting Station as directors, and Navy men serve the "drinks" and "swab" out the place afterwards in true Navy style. Young businessmen, members of the cathedral, also assist with enthusiasm.

With the Barkows, the Rev. W. James Marner helped to dream up the Pop-Inn as well as other innovations that have made the youth center so successful. He is a good musician and gives stimulating guidance to the young people who not only act as chairmen of the program committee but do most of the entertainment turns themselves.

One of the purposes of the club is to reach unchurched youngsters. That the Church school has grown and developed is a great source of pride in the parish. There are from forty to sixty more in attendance, as compared to former years, and all enter into a definite program of worship, study, and fellowship. Some are members of the choir of seventy-four boys and girls.

St. Michael's was founded in 1866 by Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, one of the great early missionary bishops of the Church, but was never completed. In 1944 Dean Barkow sent out a call "to complete this magnificent altar to God." The program met with immediate success, Sunday, October 29, 1944, being designated as War Bond Offering Day with \$36,000 of the necessary \$75,000 already pledged. The funds, in the form of War Bonds, are being held in a trust fund until the conclusion of the war.

Contemplated additions and improvements at St. Michael's include a war memorial tower over the entrance on which the names of the servicemen and women will be inscribed; the enlargement and remodeling of sanctuary, transept, and sacristy; changes in the chapel to provide a place for early communions and for private services; and a stained glass rose window opposite the chancel which will symbolize St. Michael and the Archangels.

In looking toward the future and contemplating these changes and improvements, Dean Barkow seems thoroughly justified by the sustained growth of the parish. In 1944 105 people were presented for confirmation, and in the first weeks of 1945 seventy-

five more were confirmed. These are among the largest numbers ever confirmed in the history of the cathedral.

Boise's population of about thirty thousand has been temporarily augmented by large numbers of soldiers stationed at Gowen and Mountain Home Airfields. Among these members of the Armed Forces the Church has drawn a gratifying attendance. Businessmen in this section see Boise. in the future, as a community of some fifty thousand persons. They base their conclusions on the fact that Boise is the capital and largest city in Idaho. It is also the largest trading center. and with pleasant homes and treelined streets it is a natural spot for retired farmers from the adjoining countryside and villages to establish themselves. It is then quite possible that the present aim of St. Michael's, which is to administer to two thousand communicants, can be realized. The present number is 1214.

The splendid work and programs for the youth center should increase equally with the growth of the community, and there is a plan for additional facilities for games of all sorts, "particularly active games." The Barkow Plan can be used and adapted to the needs of any parish to advantage where the problem of modern youth has become one of the vital concerns of the time. As at St. Michael's a youth recreation center can become a youth re-creation center.

"They are at the age when they like lots of noise," says Dean.



Navy men open pop as youths crowd Pop-Inn at intermission.



Harry B. Whitley will go to Puerto Rico Cathedral.



The Rev. Wm. S. Anthony will serve Americans abroad.



Miss Martha I. Webb and Robt. P. Holdt go to Alaska.



The Rev. Harold W. Smith will serve on Hawaiian plantations.



The Rev. Anson P. Stokes, Jr., Dean of Honolulu Cathedral.



MISSIONARIES NAMED FOR STRATEGIC POSTS

THE first provisional appointment for postwar missionary service has been given to Chaplain Sydney H. Croft, formerly rector of Gethsemane Church, Marion, Ind., and now on active duty with the Army in the South Pacific. He looks forward to service in the Hawaiian Islands where he has been with the Armed Forces and has been of great assistance to diocesan clergy.

Provisional appointments are available to chaplains in the Armed Forces and others not immediately available for missionary work who are eager to make a commitment for postwar work. Many men in the Armed Forces have witnessed for the first time the Church's work overseas and as a result want to have a part in this most constructive effort in the world today for a righteous and lasting peace.

The provisional appointments are an important part of the Church's determination to staff adequately its postwar work. Although much work has been interrupted by the war, many opportunities for missionary service are open today. To fill these needs the Church is ever on the alert for qualified men and women who have a vocation for missionary service. Recent appointments have been made to Puerto Rico, Alaska, and the Hawaiian Islands.

Thus the triple congregation of St. John's Cathedral is being strengthened by the addition of two men, the Rev. William S. Anthony, recently ordained graduate of Berkeley Di-

vinity School, and Harry B. Whitley of Detroit, who plans to leave for Puerto Rico early in the summer following his graduation from General Theological Seminary.

Mr. Anthony brings a rich experience to his work at San Juan. A graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Graduate School of Economics, he spent several years in personnel and industrial relations work, manufacturing and selling, farming, recreation, and social welfare work. As minister of the American congregation, comprised largely of government and business people, he will have a special understanding of their problems and wants based on his own business experiences. He has two lively sons, ages five and three, and may frequently be found in the center of a group of young people, his fine voice leading them in an enthusiastic songfest.

Harry Brearley Whitley who will have special responsibility for the West Indian congregation of St. John's, became interested in Puerto Rico when he heard Bishop Charles F. Boynton speak at the seminary. In his home parish of St. Andrew's, Detroit, Mr. Whitley was especially interested in work with boys in camps, public school clubs, and the YMCA. He attended Wayne University, Michigan State College, and graduates from General Theological Seminary this spring. As an assistant at St. John's Cathedral, he will serve the West Indian congregation, composed largely of people who have migrated from churches in the Virgin Islands.

St. Mark's Mission School at Nenana, Alaska, is to have two new supervisors, Robert P. Holdt, a senior at The Virginia Seminary, and Miss Martha I. Webb, graduate social worker, both of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Holdt is realizing a lifetime desire to enter missionary service, a desire which goes back to his days as an acolyte and instructor of new members in his parish. He already has crowded his twenty-two years with many experiences as a school teacher, truck driver, shipyard worker, as assistant to the head of a college English department, leader of young people, and manager of the Seminary Book Store. He will have general oversight of the

mission school and especially of the boys.

Miss Martha I. Webb, social worker with the Travelers' Aid Society in Baltimore, will be St. Mark's new housemother. St. Mark's School is not just a school. Children who go there generally have only one parent, and the school is the only home they know until they graduate. Miss Webb, who is a graduate of Winthrop College and the University of South Carolina, will teach the girls how to cook, sew, launder, garden, and generally how to make their own Christian homes. Recently she has had much experience in the defense areas of Baltimore where uprooted families have sought aid in reëstablishing their home life.

The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., rector of Trinity Church, Columbus, O., has accepted his election as dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu. A graduate of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, Yale, and the Episcopal Theological School, Mr. Stokes is especially fitted to serve at the crossroads of the Pacific. He has traveled in such countries as England, Russia, China, Japan, India, and Palestine. He has been active in the broader aspects of the Church's life since his ordination in 1933 as Chairman of the Department of Promotion of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, as deputy to the 1940 General Convention, and as a member of the Forward in Service Commission.

After five years, 1936-1941, as a Church Army captain at St. John's Mission, Eleele, Kauai, T. H., Harold W. Smith of Southsea, Portsmouth, England, is returning there as an ordained minister. He has completed three years' study at St. Andrew's College, Whittlesford, and is to be ordained in Hawaii. He expects to be stationed at Christ Church, Kilauea, the northernmost mission in the Islands, to assist the Ven. H. A. Willey in ministering to vast numbers of people working on sugar and pineapple plantations.

Readers of FORTH will want to add these names to their Calendar of Prayer for Missions (25 cents), that handy listing of active missionaries of the Episcopal Church, which many are finding a convenient guide to their intercessions for the Church's Mission.

Missions Vital Factor In Lasting Peace

RECEIVING an unexpected check, the wife of a Churchman who is in the Navy wrote to him, asking what to do with the money. He replied, "I'd be in favor of giving it to the Church's foreign mission fund. I was reading in the Forward Movement booklet in a footnote where some Army Officer in New Guinea wrote in praise of the missionaries' work, saying that religion was the only thing the soldiers had in common with the natives and that it had made a great difference in any number of practical ways. I also think that after the war, in such countries as Japan and China it would be an important factor in preventing another war."

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DAN A. WEST, a member of St. Michael's Church, Yakima, Wash., has changed his executive activities from food to clothing. The former West Coast wholesale and chain store grocery executive is directing the current nation-wide campaign of the United National Clothing Collection for the relief of the liberated peoples in war devastated areas. (See page 10.)

Since the beginning of the war, Mr. West has devoted his time to government service. Formerly assistant deputy director of the War Food Administration and director of the Consumer's Division of the Office of Price

Administration, he became chief of the Branch for Contributed Supplies of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at the time of its organization. He is now on loan from UNRRA to aid in the clothing collection campaign.

Making his home in Washington, D.C., during the war, Mr. West is a native of Lansing, Mich. He was educated in California schools, later making his home in Yakima, Wash. He was confirmed there at St. Michael's Church in the spring of 1933. He is married and has a daughter and a son, a student at Swarthmore College.

Admiral Byrd Honored Again

THE Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Congressional Medal of Honor, a Letter of Commendation from President Roosevelt and six other Letters of Commendation are a few of the honors that have been bestowed on Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, U.S.N., Retired. The most recent recognition of Admiral Byrd's services to his country was the presentation in January of the Legion of Merit.

The award was made at the White House in an informal ceremony before Admiral William D. Leahy, the President's personal Chief of Staff; James F. Byrnes, Mobilization Director, and the Admiral's aide, Lieut. Comdr. Edward C. Sweeney. This time, Admiral Byrd was decorated "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States while in command of a Special Navy Mission to the Pacific." The citation records his "fine leadership in gaining the united effort of civilian, Army and Navy experts" and "courage, initiative, vision, and a high order of ability in fulfilling a mission which will be of great value to the national defense and the Government of the United States."

Since the start of the war Admiral Byrd has been on aviation duty a great part of the time with the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet. This past De-

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Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd receives Legion of Merit for secret assignment.

cember he was at the European battle front, studying how the tactical air forces support the fighting ground troops, in order to aid him in his work in the Pacific. After a short stay in this country he will return again to the Pacific on a third mission.

Rear Admiral Byrd, who is famous for staking America's claim in the Antarctic, was born October 25, 1888, at Winchester, Virginia. He graduated from the U. S. Navy Academy in June, 1912, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1918. The next twenty years of his life are known to everyone as the period of his explorations and experimental activities.

The Admiral was confirmed while attending the Naval Academy. Because he is out of the country so much, he has no parish membership, but he attends Church wherever he happens to be. His official residence is Boston

For Life. William E. Leidt, Editor of FORTH and Director of Publications of the National Council, has recently been honored by life membership in The Church Historical Society "in recognition of the valuable services rendered the Society." The Rev. Walter H. Stowe, S.T.D., is president of The Church Historical Society.

Church Serves Coffee Planters in Puerto Rico

BISHOP Charles B. Colmore of Puerto Rico recently consecrated an acre of ground (below), at Castaner, overlooking the central buildings of a government rural project, and only a stone's throw from the public school. Members of the mission, agricultural laborers of Spanish descent, are hoping to erect a chapel in 1945.

A decade ago, when the Rev. Rafael D. Pagan went to Castaner, the new Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration had purchased the hacienda for the site of a resettlement and rehabilitation project. Today the project includes more than two hundred families, more than 1200 people. Mr. Pagan, who lives at Bartolo crossroads, a few miles from the center of the project, is still the only resident clergyman in this rural area of twenty thousand people, where most of the island's coffee is grown. With the help of Mr. Frederic Kidder of Berkeley. Calif., a member of the PPRA, a lay reader who is now a candidate for Holy Orders, weekly services, and a Church school are carried on, and sizable classes have been confirmed.

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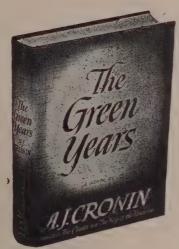
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"This is a great injustice. It is the this looms up."

"Does this course show our faith

who have lived under the American way for their whole lives, to turn upon America and stab her in the back? If we don't trust these Japanese Yanks, what are we fighting for?"

One writer said that his experience with Japanese in war plants had not been encouraging, but he added that he refused to condemn an entire race.

The sermon which would interest most of the men would be about the postwar world, and the serviceman's place in it. Several suggested that the returned men might find their best adjustment to civilian life in being called to help plan and work for a better postwar community.

Most of the writers felt that character training should be more stressed in Church school.

The ideal Church they described would certainly have to be all things to all men. The most common agreement was on the fact that it should offer many varied opportunities for service.

The whole project has worked very satisfactorily. Excerpts from the letters have been asked for by the local newspaper, and a parish committee is discussing the possibility of asking the men about relations with Jews and Negroes, both of which problems are closer to the daily life of their homes than that of the Japanese Americans.

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Chaplain of Legislature

THE Rev. Robert W. Webb, who went to Alaska in October 1944 to be rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Juneau, was recently elected chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Territorial Legislature. He is also chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive for his territory, an area comprising about one-third of southeastern Alaska.

In the midst of war, the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hankow, China, has become a self-supporting parish. The Rev. Philip Ts'en recently wrote Bishop A. A. Gilman of Hankow, "I have decided not to accept any more salary or allowances from the Mission. The

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mer master, but who accepted with equanimity discipline from Dr. Veatch. In explanation, the boy said that it was not his former master's beating to which he objected, but only the man who gave it.

The two great influences on Liberian life are missions and industry. Both, says Dr. Veatch, are coöperative, mutually constructive if well directed. Missions and the paternal administration of trade concessions raise the standards of living.

It is the mission training that frees the native soul from fear of devils on every hand, and from witchcraft that kills through suggestion as well as poison. Through mission schools at least the sons of the old chiefs learn to read and understand the legal notices and commitments implicit in one of the smallest of republics, just the size of the State of Pennsylvania. It is the missions, also, that can train in agriculture a people comparatively unschooled in cultivating their own crops.

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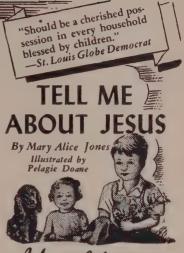
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These people needing such different treatment from the rest of our population were the West Coast Japanese, seventy thousand of them citizens of the United States. At the time, the act was called a military necessity. America was so caught up in the shock and excitement of the first months of the war that it went unquestioned by the great majority. A longer view gives a strong impression of its being the abrogation of the rights of citizenship of a minority group based in very certain terms on race and color.

Prejudice, Japanese-American: Symbol of Racial Intolerance by Carey McWilliams (Boston, Little, Brown. \$3), is the story of this evacuation and the fifty years preceding of an-

tagonism between California and Japan. It is a carefully documented study, highly readable and highly controversial. It is important for a variety of reasons. First as the record of a minority group, living in this country now in their third generation. Their problems are those of language and culture, the problems of any immigrant group, but exaggerated because of skin pigmentation. Secondly, it is a report of the manufacture of prejudice and what an amazing report it is. It shows how a spark of agitation can become a raging fire. In California, among the agitators the author finds politicians, agents of the Japanese government usually not themselves Japanese, a native sons organization and now and then a missionary. Thirdly and most important, it is a warning. The warning is to the United States and to the whole world.

The American Japanese is only one of the minority groups caught up in our problem of race prejudice. Our treatment of all these peoples is told with the same intelligent understanding by Mr. McWilliams in Brothers Under the Skin (Boston, Little, Brown. \$3). In both volumes he suggests that the solution is to be found in legislation. Whether this is the answer or not, it is a domestic situation for which a solution must be found. Without it America not only fails to live up to the principles for which she was founded, she becomes incapable of offering leadership to the world on the same issue.

Another study along these lines is compiled in Group Relations and Group Antagonisms edited by R. M. MacIver (New York, Harper. \$2). A dozen different leaders from as many cultural and national backgrounds present their views in a series of addresses. Some of the discussion that follows each presentation is included in the text.

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Comment by The Faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, edited by the Rev. Randolph Crump Miller, Ph.D.

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The American Lectionary by Bayard Hale Iones (New York, Morehouse-Gorham, \$2) is indispensable for anyone who wants to understand why we have what lessons on any given Sunday. Its 163 large pages give the story of the revolutionary changes made by the Committee on the Lectionary, giving our Church the most comprehensive and intelligent course of lessons of any liturgical communion. The story of the development of the Christian year, beginning sometime in the fourth century, is told in Dr. Jones' incisive fashion. From this came the Gospels and Epistles and later the first Anglican readings for Morning and Evening Prayer. No lectionary has ever proved satisfactory, and it devolved upon this committee to eliminate the difficulties of previous types. The weakness of the automatic use of the Psalter was also recognized, and the Psalter was therefore synchronized with the les-

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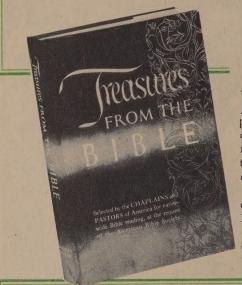
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